

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Proceedings in Congress—Important Bills Introduced in the Senate.

Edmunds' Postal Telegraph Bill—H. R. 10000. The President at the White House—Capital Items.

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The Senate then took recess until 2:30 p. m. and at that hour the recess was extended till 5 p. m. At 5 o'clock the president's message was read. The reports of the secretary of the treasury, attorney general, and other heads of departments were laid upon the table. Mr. Logan obtained leave to introduce a bill to devote \$50,000,000 derived from the internal revenue tax and the sales of public lands to the education of children in the United States. The Senate adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 5.—Edmunds introduced a bill in the Senate which provides for building and establishing, under the direction of the postmaster general, the secretary of state and the secretary of war, postal telegraph lines throughout the country. The bill is authorized to condemn property for right of way. Clerks and telegraphers are to be appointed through the civil service commission. Two million dollars are appropriated for the work during the next fiscal year. Private individuals or corporations are not to be interfered with in carrying on their telegraph business.

House.—After the reading of the journal the case of Manning vs. Chalmers was referred to the committee on elections, with instructions to report immediately and without prejudice to the dual rights of either contestant. Delegates from the territories were sworn in.

The contested election case of Wood vs. Peters from Kansas, was referred to the committee on elections. The rules of the Forty-seventh Congress were adopted until two weeks after the adjournment of a committee on rules and on the House's action on the rules of the Forty-seventh Congress.

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Republican Senatorial Caucus. WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 5.—A caucus of Republican senators was held, at which the following committees were appointed to review the standing committees of the Senate and report to a subsequent caucus: Messrs. Cameron, (Wis.); Hear, (Ill.); Harrison, (Cal.); Miller, (N. Y.); and Miller, (Cal.). A resolution was offered for the appointment of new officers of the Senate, but no action was taken on this resolution. The general impression is that no change in the Senate, as now organized, will be made, other than to elect a senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Tilden. Malouin and Riddleberger did not attend.

Patent Decision. WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 5.—Patent Commissioner Butterworth decides that a party is bound by all the acts of his agent, made in good faith and within the scope of his authority. The cancellation of certain claims in an original application does not constitute a forfeiture of the right to renew claims within the contemplation of section 4,916 relative statutes, and an application for renewal, the purpose of which is to renew such claims, cannot be allowed.

Capital Notes. FITZ JOHN PORTER CASE. Slocum of New York presented in the house a long memorial of the Fifth Army Corps, in relation to a bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter, and the letter of Gen. Grant of Nov. 3, 1883, giving his reasons for his change of mind in regard to the Porter case. The memorial embraces a record of the action of the association at its meetings in 1873 and at Washington in 1883.

THE PRESIDENT. The president has moved into the executive mansion for the winter from his summer residence at the Soldiers' home. His sister, Mrs. McElroy and other relatives will probably spend the Christmas days with the president.

NEWS NOTES. The friends of the Hannepia cannot project are somewhat disturbed by the very large sum asked for river and harbor improvements in both estimates, the total asked being over \$25,000,000. They fear this will prove a serious obstacle to the success of the canal project.

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OLD WORLD ITEMS.

Oriental Pomp and Splendor Illustrated at Calcutta.

British Journals on the President's Message.—On the Edge of War.—Contradictory News From Soudan.—Foreign Flashes.

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